

Flowage Preservation Alliance

ANNUAL MEETING
FLOWAGE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE
JULY 2, 2011
CONOVER TOWN PARK

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM with pledge allegiance to the flag. Opening remarks and introductions made by President Rich Ruffalo. Minutes of the July 3, 2010 meeting were approved. Treasurer's, Finance and Membership reports were approved.

The following Board of Directors were unanimously elected to serve for the current year:

Rich Ruffalo	George Holloway	Tom Christopherson
Clancy Senechalle	Jay Richman	Roger Kerstner
Bill Green	Ken Gurski	Ron Schultz

Rich Ruffalo explained "information boxes", one already located at the Baker Lake landing and another to be installed at the Tamarack Flowage landing, subject to approval from Vilas County. The boxes contain explanation of the FPA cause as well as applications.

George Holloway explained need to clarify provision in by-laws for communication: Definition – Hand delivery, U. S. mail, and electronic mail. Motion for approval made and seconded. Approved unanimously.

George Holloway introduced Rob Teuber, Attorney at Law and member of the Alliance. Rob explained proposed amendments to our Articles of Incorporation (see attached). In a nutshell, (1) we are applying to the IRS to become a tax exempt organization engaging in activities for charitable and tax exempt purposes, (2) all funds of the Alliance (dues, contributions of "friends", etc.) shall be used exclusively for legitimate expenses of the Alliance, and (3) upon dissolution of the Alliance, funds will be distributed to another organization preferably operated exclusively or engaging in similar causes. Motion made and seconded to accept changes to by-laws. Unanimous approval.

Karl Jennrich presented up-to-date status. Conover contracted with Bonestroo last year to do a study of the dam structure, dam break analysis, and survey. Bonestroo did borings in the old dam area as well as the culvert/spillway. They also completed the survey. Borings indicate the culvert/spillway is sound, but showed that sand mixed with organic matter at the site of the old dam is not stable.

We are getting time extensions from the Land and Water Commission pending a DNR analysis to determine the degree of flood hazard. We are hoping they determine it is a low hazard dam. The report has been sent to DNR in Madison and we are awaiting the DNR decision. Meantime Bonestroo needs to provide a cost estimate on what needs to be done to bring the dam up to code, at which time decisions will need to be made. Most important will be who will take ownership of the dam – Vilas County, Town of Conover, or a lake group.

Other comments by Karl:

At present Vilas County has no flood plane ordinance.

Terry Cummings (DNR) feels Bonestroo used a very conservative approach.

It's possible the culvert/spillway will require no renovation.

Town, county, and state dam grants may be available if further expense is incurred.

Next meeting: July 7, 2012. Adjournment at 10:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Joanie Green, Recording Secretary